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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO TO MAKE PRIVATE
VISIT TO UNITED STATES

SUMMARY: PRESIDENT AND MRS. CLARKE WILL MAKE PRIVATE
VISIT TO NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON, D.C. MAY 19 TO 27
IN ORDER TO ATTEND THEIR DAUGHTER'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATION.
I RECOMMEND THAT, IF FEASIBLE, PRESIDENT CLARKE'S PRESENCE
IN WASHINGTON BE UTILIZED TO INVITE HIM TO MEET THE PRESIDENT
OR SECRETARY. AIRPORT COURTESIES AND SECURITY LIAISON ARE
REQUESTED, BUT NO SPECIAL SECURITY DETAIL IS DESIRED. END SUMMARY

1. I HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED BY TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO PRESIDENT
ELLIS CLARKE THAT HE AND MRS. CLARKE WILL ARRIVE AT J.F.
KENNEDY AIRPORT THURSDAY, MAY 19 FOR PRIVATE INFORMAL VISIT
TO THE UNITED STATES.

2. PURPOSE OF VISIT PRIMARILY TO ATTEND UNIVERSITY GRADUATION
EXERCISES OF DAUGHTER MARGARET AT NEW ROCHELLE COLLEGE,
NEW ROCHELLE, NEW YORK, BUT THE PRESIDENT WILL SUBSEQUENTLY
MAKE INFORMAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

3. SECRET SERVICE SECURITY DETAIL IS NOT RPT NOT DESIRED.

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HOWEVER, APPROPRIATE PORT OF ENTRY COURTESIES AND NOTIFICATION
OF RELEVANT LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY
BE APPROPRIATELY ALERT AND INFORMED IS REQUESTED.

4. PRESIDENT AND MRS. CLARKE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY
THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICIAL AIDE DE CAMP, MAJOR A.C. ("MING")
JOHNSON. MAJOR JOHNSON WILL HANDLE SECURITY AND PROTOCOL

MATTERS AS NECESSARY AND HE WILL BE ARMED. ENTRY PERMISSION IS REQUESTED FOR THE MAJOR'S PERSONAL WEAPON. EXCEPT AS NOTED BELOW, MAJOR JOHNSON WILL WEAR CIVILIAN CLOTHES.

5. SCHEDULE AND ARRANGEMENTS INsofar AS NOW KNOWN FOLLOW:

(A) 1855 THURSDAY, MAY 19 -- ARRIVE AT JFK AIRPORT, NEW YORK, ABOARD BWIA FLIGHT 426.

(B) TRANSPORTATION FROM THE AIRPORT IS BEING ARRANGED BY TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO CONSUL GENERAL IN NEW YORK CITY, MR. JOSEPH COOPER, 331-3 GRAYBAR BUILDING, 420 LEXINGTON AVE., NYC.

(C) MOTORCADE WILL PROCEED DIRECTLY TO NEW ROCHELLE, WHERE THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. CLARKE WILL STAY AT THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, FRANK ABDULAH.

(D) ATTEND GRADUATION CEREMONIES AT THE COLLEGE OF NEW ROCHELLE ON SUNDAY, MAY 22. MAJOR JOHNSON WILL BE IN UNIFORM.

(3) ON OR ABOUT MAY 24, MRS. CLARKE WILL PROCEED TO TORONTO, CANADA, AND THE PRESIDENT AND MAJOR JOHNSON WILL TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

(D) IN WASHINGTON, THE PRESIDENT WILL STAY AT THE OFFICIAL EMBASSY RESIDENCE OF THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, VICTOR MCINTYRE.

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(E) DEPARTURE FROM THE USA WILL AGAIN BE VIA JFK IN NEW YORK ON BWIA FLIGHT 425F AT 0945 FRIDAY, MAY 27.

6. ALTHOUGH NO DIFFICULTIES ARE EXPECTED, THE PRESIDENT'S STAFF NOTE THAT IN SECURITY TERMS HE WILL BE MOST EXPOSED AT THE NEW ROCHELLE GRADUATION MAY 22.

7. NO RPT NO REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE FOR MEETINGS WITH USG OFFICIALS DURING INFORMAL WASHINGTON VISIT. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE VISIT OFFERS HIGHLY USEFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY OR PRESIDENT IF FEASIBLE. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT PRESIDENT CLARKE WAS HIS NATION'S FIRST AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON AND ANY COURTESIES WHICH MAY BE SHOWN WILL BE WARMLY NOTED IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. COORDINATION MAY BE FACILITATED THROUGH T&T EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, BUT WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ALSO INFORMED HERE.

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